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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF	)	
PETER R. JEPSON ET AL	)	GROUP NO.: 1742
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/079,286	)	
FILED: FEBRUARY 20, 2002	)	EXAMINER: ANDREW OLTMANS
TITLE: REFRACTORY METAL PLATES WITH UNIFORM TEXTURE	)	RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 20040306

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2004 from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted for consideration. A separate Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is being filed simultaneously herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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